

Lieutenant Colonel David R. Zinnante

Lieutenant Colonel David Zinnante currently serves as the Commander for Kirk United States Army Health Clinic and Director of Health Services, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. Lieutenant Colonel Zinnante is a native of Wharton, Texas. He enlisted in the Army in 1991 as a medic and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps as a 72D, Environmental Science and Engineering Officer, in 1997. Lieutenant Colonel Zinnante holds a Bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master's degree in Environmental Management from the University of Maryland University College.

As an officer, Lieutenant Colonel Zinnante began his career as a Field Preventive Medicine Officer with the Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine – North, Fort Meade, Maryland and as the PROFIS Executive Officer for the 714th Medical Detachment, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he deployed to Honduras in support of Hurricane Mitch humanitarian assistance operations. Lieutenant Colonel Zinnante was then assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. With the 82nd Airborne Division, he deployed to Afghanistan as the Task Force Preventive Medicine Officer and to Iraq as the Deputy Division Surgeon. Upon returning from Iraq, Lieutenant Colonel Zinnante was assigned to 7th Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he deployed to the Republic of Colombia in support of the counterdrug mission and again to Afghanistan as the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force Preventive Medicine Officer.

Shortly after returning from Afghanistan, Lieutenant Colonel Zinnante assumed command of the 224th Medical Detachment, Fort Hood, Texas and immediately deployed the detachment to Louisiana in support of Hurricane Katrina humanitarian assistance operations. As the Commander, he later deployed the 224th Medical Detachment for 15 months to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom VIII. Lieutenant Colonel Zinnante was subsequently selected to serve as the Chief and Program Manager for the Army's 68S Military Occupational Specialty training program initially located at the Army Medical Department Center and School and then at the Medical Education and Training Campus, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. There he served as the Army's Service Lead responsible for training all enlisted Army 68S Preventive Medicine Specialists and Navy HM-8432 Preventive Medicine Technicians under a consolidated curriculum. Lieutenant Colonel Zinnante's most recent assignment was as the Force Health Protection Officer, Surgeon's Cell, III Corps, Fort Hood, Texas.

Lieutenant Colonel Zinnante's military training and education includes the AMEDD Officer Basic Course, Principles of Military Preventive Medicine Course, AMEDD Officer Advanced Course, Preventive Medicine Senior Leader's Course, Airborne School, Jumpmaster Course, Expert Field Medical Badge Test, Air Assault School, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, and resident Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Lieutenant Colonel Zinnante's military awards and decorations include the Bronze Star (1OLC), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3OLC), Army Commendation Medal (4OLC), Army Achievement Medal (1OLC), Air Force Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal (1 Bronze Star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (2 Bronze Stars), Iraq Campaign Medal (1 Bronze Star), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, Humanitarian Service Medal (1 Bronze Star), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the NATO medal. He wears the Combat Action Badge, Combat Medical Badge, Army Jumpmaster Badge, and Air Assault Badge.

Lieutenant Colonel Zinnante is married to Lieutenant Colonel Rebecca Zinnante and is the proud father of Elizabeth, Joseph, and Katherine.